



3672

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: BISCHEL ET AL. Examiner: M. SMITH  
Serial No.: 10/055,458 Group Art Unit: 3672  
Filed: JANUARY 22, 2002 Docket: 10646.344USU1  
Due Date: OCTOBER 25, 2003 Confirmation No. 6378  
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ATTACHING/DETACHING DRILL ROD

**CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8:**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, with sufficient postage, in an envelope addressed to: , Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on October 9, 2003.

By: Carla J. Mauch

Name: Carla J. Mauch

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**23552**

PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

Sir:

We are transmitting herewith the attached:

- ☒ Transmittal Sheet in duplicate containing Certificate of Mailing
- ☒ Supplemental Amendment and Response
- ☒ Return postcard

Please consider this a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME for a sufficient number of months to enter these papers or any future reply, if appropriate. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

MERCHANT & GOULD P.C.  
P.O. Box 2903, Minneapolis, MN 55402-0903  
612.332.5300

By: Karen A. Fitzsimmons

Name: Karen A. Fitzsimmons

Reg. No.: 50,470

KFitzsimmons:cjm

**RECEIVED**

OCT 16 2003

**GROUP 3600**